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La Fayette College Easton Pa. July 6<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Rev. & Dear Sir.

I have, gladly and anxiously heard of your safe arrival to this country from Greece. And permit me, Sir, to express my sincere gratitude and esteem that I cherish for you, ~~that~~ done so much good to that greatly beloved & dear country to me. I call her, beloved for, (to use the expression <sup>she</sup> is the "idol of my imagination;" I call her, dear, because she costs me more than life. I hope I will not be blamed for cherishing such a love; although I have used such extravagant terms, to express that earnest desire of ones country which is reaved from the bottom of the heart, and according to this mottoe οὐδὲν γίνετο σαλπιδος" I will not appear to extravagant in your eye, you can better appreciate its sweetness and its enchanting qualities. Although I am not absent from my country half as long as you; yet I cherish a lively imagination for her, and a strong desire. And in this respect I do not blame Ulysses, that he prepared his country better than he did Cyprus<sup>cube</sup> with all her happiness, and charming grace and as Cicero beautifully <sup>describes</sup> that love of Ulysses, I rather yield to him. "Ac, si nos (id quod maxime debet) nostra patria delectat; cupus rei tanta est vis, ac tanta natura,

at Itacam illam, in asperissimis saxulis, tamquam  
nidulum, affixam, sapientissimus vir immortalita-  
ti anteponebat." Such is the love that compelled me  
to write to you. And, such, will, I hope at least,  
God wishing, one day be, when she shall be the  
arena of my actions, and the field of labours  
where I have to sacrifice myself in order that I  
should do good for my country, and then to fight  
an honourable battle. You will perhaps, wonder  
how a voice from that clime, should accost you  
in such patriotic stress across the Ocean; but it is  
so, Sir, fortune has thrown me also to this hospi-  
table shores, as many of my countrymen. And here  
I have found an arylum.

I have taken the liberty to address you Sir, pre-  
suming you are acquainted with me; yet as there  
is a long period elapsed, since you saw me last,  
and perhaps it has escaped your mind, I can  
remind you by giving you my name & country &  
where you saw me. My name is—Αραδαίος Ιωάννης  
Κουδραβίτης. Αδυνατός, ος ειν το 1836<sup>ον</sup> οργατισμοῦ σου πατῆ  
ματα το Βαργίου Ιονα Πηγῆ, ειν τῆς Αδυνας, παρῆρα δῆ ἰ-  
ουρατοῦ ειν το οροχίου αἰ τοῦ, ἢ ειν το Πυλῆτος. I do  
not know by what other insignia can I remind you.  
Will you please to inform me, Sir, about your  
return, and if I can send some letters at Athens  
through your kindness, also, if you will take the  
trouble in writing me a letter, to acquaint me with

The <sup>present</sup> state of Greece & her government and of her improvement if she made any for I am very anxious, for I hear great dissatisfaction arising from the male-administration of ~~the~~ King Otto, prevails throughout Greece, particularly at Athens which has caused extreme distress, thus I heard from a friend. I should be very glad had I some letters, or news-papers, sent to me from Athens.

I will be highly gratified if you will be the trouble, Sir, to answer mine, and if thus addressed it if please in the following.

A. J. Collyrus. La. Fayette College Pa.

It escaped my mind to mention you that I am a junior student of the said College.

Your affectioned. &c.

A. J. Collyrus.

Dr. Koyarsky  
La Fayette College  
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